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April 3d, 1849.

MR. PHILLIPS in the Chair.

Letters were read :—

From Dr. Thomas Horsfield, dated Library of East India House, London, March 8, 1849, notifying the Academy of the transmission, by order of the Directors of the East India Company's Museum, of plaster casts of Himalaya fossils, to replace those which had been broken in a former transportation ; together with a list of the same.

From the Secretary of the same Company, dated February 16, 1849, to the same effect.

From the Assistant Secretary of the Directors of the British Museum, dated February, 22, 1849, returning acknowledgments to the Academy for the donation of a cast of one side of the inferior maxilla of *Mylodon*.

From the Geological Society of London, dated Somerset House, November 2, 1848, acknowledging the receipt of Part 2, Vol. 1, New Series of the Journal of the Academy, and of other publications.

From Henry W. Ravenel, Esq., of Black Oak, South Carolina, dated March 14, 1849, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent.

From Dr. Mydleton Michel, dated Charleston, S. C., March 20, 1849, also acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent.

April 10th, 1849.

PROFESSOR HALDEMAN in the Chair.

A letter was read from James E. Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary of Directors of British Museum, dated March 2, 1849, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Academy for July to October, 1848.

A communication was read from Mr. E. George Squier, U. S. Chargé d'Affaires to Central America, expressing his desire to attach to his suite, on behalf of the Academy, a person competent to prosecute scientific researches in that country, especially in Geology, Botany, Zoology, &c.; and offering to such person every facility that his official position could command.

Professor Meigs read a memoir entitled "Observations on the reproductive organs and on the fœtus of the *Delphinus Nesarnak*." Referred to Drs. Leidy, Hallowell, and Griffith.

On motion the Corresponding Secretary was requested to make some inquiries of Mr. Squier, respecting the character of the position which would be occupied by the person proposed to be attached to his mission.